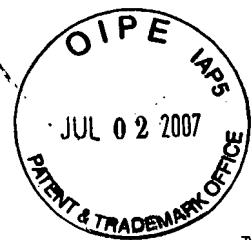


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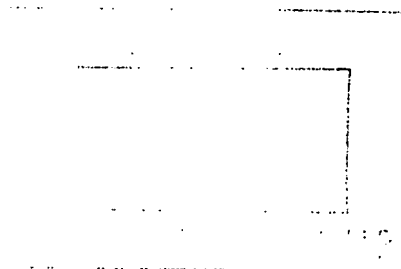
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TITLE OF INVENTION Connector System with Improved Unplugging Functionality		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Marcel Peter MEIJER, Peter POORTER, Paul Johannes Marinus POTTERS		
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